

# Halloween guide

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## Haunted houses provide adventure



When it comes to getting in the spirit of Halloween, nothing sets the mood better than a good old haunted house tour. Here are some bloodcurdling tours in Kansas in case 'scaring yourself' is on your October list of things to do.

For starters, Kansas City is known for its chilling haunted houses and has multiple to choose from. Among the houses in Kansas City, Mo. are The Beast, which was named one of America Haunts' scariest haunted houses in America, The Edge of Hell, Macabre Cinema, Chambers of Edgar Allan Poe and more. Whether it's the houses or the spooky actors outside attempting to scare you, you'll be in for a scary experience.

On Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 you can catch the Haunted Hayride in Topeka. There will be a concession stand, bonfire and s'mores before getting on the wagon to see 16 different haunted themes in the woods and streets. All proceeds go to Camp Adventure, a nonprofit summer camp for physically disabled youth, according to its website, campadventureinc.com.

Fort Scott, Kan. might be a three-hour trip from Manhattan, but it is rumored to be seriously haunted and paranormal. The town seems to have embraced it, though, and offers an exclusive ghost tour. According to hauntedfortscott.com, visitors are invited to bring audio recorders or cameras to try to capture any paranormal activity.

In Wamego, there have been reports of two haunted places: The Columbian Theatre and Wamego's alleys. The theater is a restored music hall from the late 1800s. According to kansastravel.org, theater staff members have claimed to have heard unexplainable noises in the building. David White's ghost haunts the carnival and Wamego's alleys, according to theshadowlands.net. If you're



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looking to explore haunted sites, be sure to check out these attractions.

The Haunted Farm tour in Lawrence opens on Oct. 21 and will remain open for the rest of October. The walking tour takes you through the outdoor and indoor scenes of a graveyard, a farmhouse and a shed, to name a few locations.

Fort Riley has its own haunted house, hosted by BOSS, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers organization, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Services on Oct. 27 to Oct. 30. The organizations put on a haunted house

every year to raise funds to support soldiers. This year, the tour will be in an abandoned house on Custer Hill.

After all the fun, you can swing by the Boo Party at the Manhattan Town Center on Halloween afternoon. There, people can enjoy indoor trick or treating.

Whether the destination be near or far, make sure to embark on a spooky adventure sometime before Halloween.

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## Halloween party themes



"Where's the party?" is probably the first question somebody would ask on the topic of Halloween. Halloween parties usually turn out to be epic not only because of all the people that get together, but because they get together in costumes. Read on if you are hosting a party and want to narrow down on a costume theme.

**1. Comics:** This is probably one of the easiest and yet most nerdy themes one could pick. People can dress up as one of the million comic book characters they grew up reading about and admiring. Most costumes are available online and in different sizes. And one can choose to be the good guy or the bad guy depending on one's mood.

**2. The Underworld:** This would be a theme in tandem with the occasion. Halloween is a time to remember the undead: zombies, vampires, werewolves, the list is endless. Pick one and get your scary on.

**3. "Harry Potter":** This is a popular theme among kids that go to college. The "Harry Potter" obsession has to be fed frequently and what better way to do it than to host a party with the epic series as the theme?

**4. Mythological Figures:** This is a fun theme. Pick a favorite mythological god and

try to imitate him as best as possible. Also, most of the gods do not have very complex clothing, so it would be an easy task to dress up as one. Remember to leave the Indian gods out unless you are brave enough to sweat it out making the costume.

**5. Abstract:** This one again could be very fun and would really get one's creative gears whirring. This theme is where people would dress up as abstract objects, like a table, a microwave, TV, mailbox, etc. The more creative one can get, the more complex and jaw dropping costumes one would come up with. The process could be a little time consuming, so plan ahead.

**6. Disney:** Another popular theme that has a lot of scope for creative genius. Dress up as your favorite Disney character and bring out your childhood memories. These costumes are at a variety of difficulty levels depending on the character one chooses.

**7. Toga:** Toga parties are fun and a good way to bring up a Greek themed party. One could decorate the party house in Greek style, serve Greek food, maybe even hand out earthen pots in the place of those plastic cups that people use for drinks. This theme comes with a cold weather advisory.

**8. ABC:** This is a very interesting theme and I like it from personal experience. Anything but clothes is a very innovative way to think of costumes, because as the name suggests, it doesn't

involve any cloth material. Trash bags, boxes and duct tape are some of the most commonly used items.

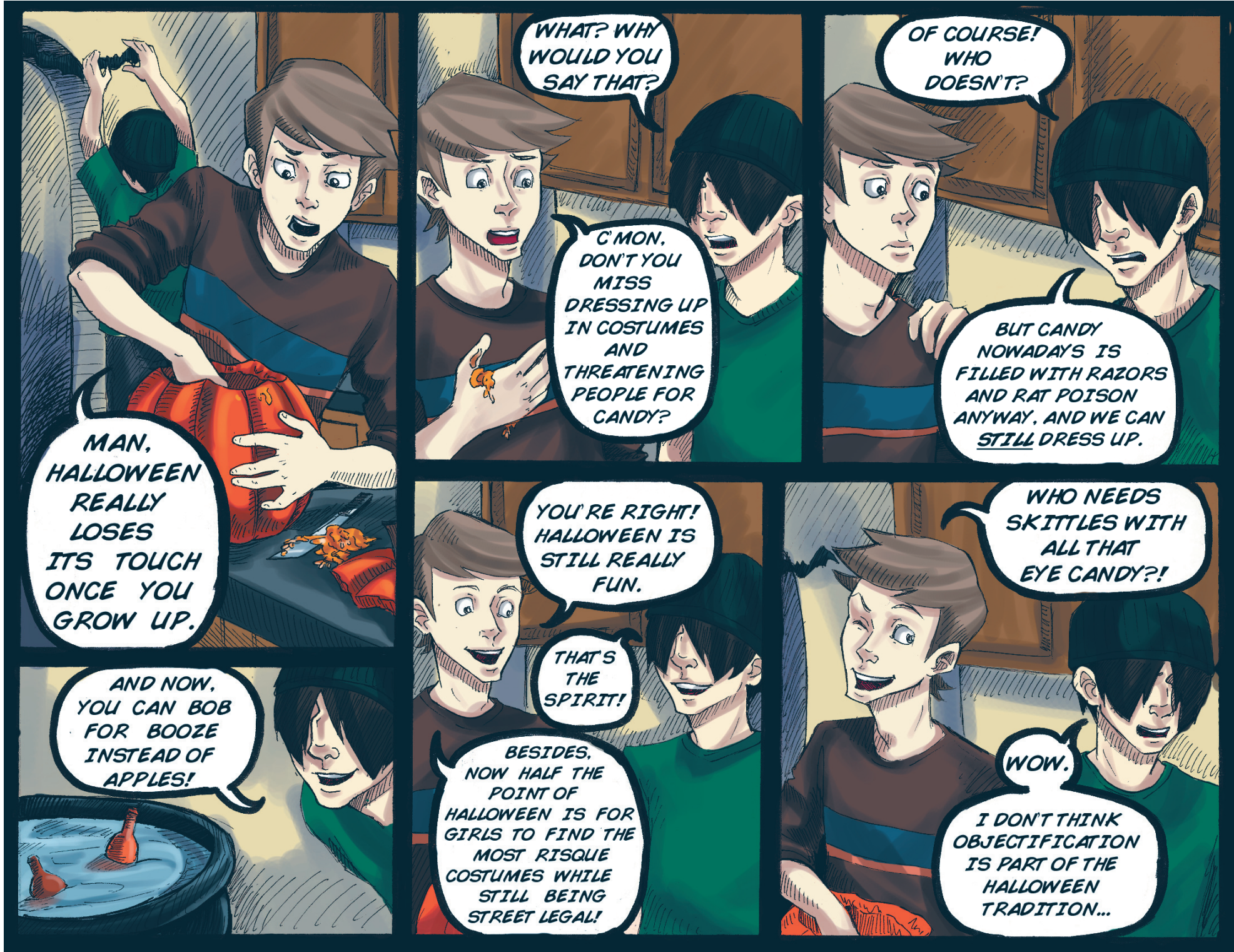
**9. Period Themes:** This could be fun. Pick a period and dress as people did in those days. This could range anywhere from ancient Egypt, to medieval, or to the '80s or '90s.

**10. Celebrities:** This is perhaps the easiest. If you are one of those people who hears constantly that you look like some celebrity, there's your cue. Dress up like that person or even some other person. The fun is in the details, as to how realistic the appearance gets.

These are some ideas to get your creative wheels in motion. Put your thinking caps on and churn up your own theme and have a wonderful Halloween.

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# Costumes, actions to avoid on Halloween



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Halloween is the only holiday where a person gets to drop everything and finally act how they truly feel inside - like a child. What better a day to do this than Halloween? There are some serious social rules that every Halloweener must abide by, given current laws and political correctness. These are just a few things that one should not do on Halloween.

Do not chase little kids around dressed like Spiderman. Batman on the other hand is acceptable - no it isn't. And keep in mind, if you are over the age of 17, do not go trick-or-treating in family neighborhoods dressed like Jason with fake blood smeared all over your body and wielding a machete, fake or not. You will find yourself being escorted away from said neighborhood in a government-issued police cruiser, and presumably going to jail.

Now, another thing that some folks might take issue with is premature costume accessorizing. Do not dress up like the Karate Kid four out of the five days preceding Oct. 31. People will definitely start questioning your sanity. If you have Mr. Miyagi with you at all times, it is acceptable.

Do not steal little kids' candy. As alluring a crime as this might be, it is still very illegal and you will be meeting with your local law enforcement.

Don't dress up as Lady Gaga. This is very overplayed. Now, dressing up as Lady Gaga dressed up as a man, is quite different. This is an unprecedented layering of androgynous ambiguity and

is acceptable for both males and females - like "Inception," but in drag. Do I hear costume ideas?

This is a wonderful time of year where everybody can just be what he or she has always wanted to be for one night, like a little princess or Batman. But there are some levels of restraint that everyone must abide by when partaking in these fall festivities.

You will find that when said restraints are disregarded, the perpetrator is usually not given a wide berth of forgiveness. Furthermore, some faux pas are more severe than others. So next time you find yourself putting on "black face" because you saw it done in an episode of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," remember, this is highly offensive, and people will try and beat you up.

Or, if you ever fancy a good Monster Mash session without pants, keep in mind, that was 49 years ago and you have no pants on. People are going to point and laugh, and you will be embarrassed.

Halloween is a time for fun and spooky excitement where college students of all kinds can cut loose and rage. But, one has to remember that particular things that seem like good ideas in your head might not be as glamorous when acted out. Keep in mind kids, it is a dangerous, ghoulish, scary world - a seat in a cold cell will appear significantly worse when dressed like Mario.

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# DIY costumes cost effective, fun to create

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With Halloween quickly approaching, college students may be wondering what they are going to dress up as. With some students up to their necks in student loans, money might be tight for a Halloween costume. However, there are some simple do-it-yourself ideas that can save students some money and still allow them to be dressed up for the occasion.

There are many different places in Manhattan that offer options for DIY costumes. Stores that offer parts or accessories to costumes near campus are Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts, Halloween Boutique, Spirit Halloween, Walmart, Target and Spencer's Gifts.

"We offer kits that come with, like, a hat and some different accessories that go to a particular costume," said Trevor Treiber, store manager of Spencer's Gifts. "The rest of the outfit is based on what you have at home. Those kits are, like, different animal options and other things like that."

He also said Spencer's offers hats that are TV characters. To make it a DIY project, he said that people could get a hat and wear their regular clothing that looks similar to the character they choose. Spencer's also offers cape teasers. This is where people can buy their favorite superhero's cape and wear a T-shirt and jeans with it, instead of the rest of the costume.

"One of the best things about all of the create-it-yourself options we have is that they are all relatively cheap," Treiber said. "Almost all of these options will probably run people around 25

bucks or less."

If none of these costume options spark your interest, there are plenty of DIY costume ideas that can be done at home or in a dorm room. One idea is to become a fruit.

With a simple white T-shirt and some jeans, you can tape on or glue on purple or green balloons to your shirt to create the appearance of a bundle of grapes. It will take about five to 10 minutes to blow up all of the balloons, depending on your lung strength, and about another five to 10 minutes to tape all of them onto your shirt. This is a ready-to-wear, simple idea on the cheap.

Students who don't want to be a fruit for Halloween might want to consider the many things they could do with cardboard boxes.

Two students could get together and become a pair of dice, using large cardboard boxes that they might be able to get from dining halls or the food court in the K-State Student Union. They could either paint the inside white or tape white printer paper over the cardboard color. Cutting out two armholes, one on each parallel side, and coloring in dots on all of the sides with a black permanent marker, students are easily created into matching dice. This is a simple, cheap process and takes probably about 20 minutes to assemble and color in.

These are just some relatively simple options for college students to create their own costumes quickly and easily. There are also businesses students or staff can go to get accessories for costumes.

So this Halloween, when people are considering what to dress up as, consider making a costume yourself.



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# Fun, spooky recipes quick fix, easy on college student’s budget



Whether you are hosting a Halloween party or just hanging at home with some friends, be sure to add some of these quick, spooky recipes to your Halloween menu.

As for drinks, sure Jack and coke is yummy after a K-State football win, and having friends bring their own beer is always cheaper, but this is Halloween. If you're going to have a party, Brain Hemorrhages are a festive shot you must try.

This shot, the Brain Hemorrhage, 1 ounce of peach schnapps, 1 teaspoon of Bailey's Irish Cream and 2 drops of grenadine, will be sure to make you squirm, in a good way. First, pour the peach schnapps into a large shot glass, then slowly pour the Bailey's Irish Cream over the peach schnapps and top it with a splash of grenadine, do not mix it.

Do not be scared when you see a 'brain' beginning to form on the top of your drink. Take in the colors and yummy smell before you shoot it back, because the weird texture will be sure to creep you and your guests out.

On a college budget, food always seems to be an area of struggle, especially when it comes to catering to others at a party. For under 10 dollars, you can make these next two



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Halloween recipes, and they are festive, fun and budget friendly.

The first recipe, Mummy Hotdogs, is simple; all you need is a package of mini hotdogs, refrigerated biscuit or croissant roll dough and your choice of either ketchup or mustard. These Mummies are as easy to make as they are cute to look at.

First, cut the dough into small thin strips, then wrap it around the hotdogs 'mummy-style' leaving an open area on the top for the mummy's face. Bake your mummies at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until the wrappings are light brown. Use dots of ketchup or mustard as the mummy's eyes.

This next recipe gives sugar cookies a little twist. For

Witch Finger cookies, all you need is a package of sliced almonds and refrigerated sugar cookie dough.

Roll tablespoon-size pieces of cookie dough into the shape of a finger and place one sliced almond on the tip of each, representing a witch's fingernail. Then, using a dull knife or your finger, proceed to make dents into the middle

of the cookie representing the finger's knuckles. Place all the witch fingers on a cookie pan and bake at 325 degrees for about 20 minutes, or until the fingers are golden brown.

Let them cool and set them all together on a dish. For a fun and creepy extra, set out a small bowl of red jelly as dipping sauce for the cookies to add a bloody addition to the

dish.

Do not let your menu fall short this Halloween season, whether you have your own party or not, these recipes are a fun and easy way to get into the holiday spirit.

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